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MADDOX/TURNER JOY INCIDENTS TEL

- A. YOUR 192215Z
- B. DIRNAVSECGRU 191522Z

OIC USN-467N SENDS

- 1. FOL IS SEQUENCE OF DIRECT SUPPORT SIGINT, PORVIDED BSS MADDOX BY USN-467N DURING THE PERIOD 165 AUGUST:
- A. A MSG INTERCEPTED BY USN-467N AT 311553Z JUL INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT VESSEL T23 WAS SHADOWING THE MADDOX. HOWEVER, NO FURTHER EVIDENCE IS KNOWN TO SUBSTANTIATE A SHADOW AT THAT TIME, AND THE EVIDENCE IS CONSIDERED TO BE EXTREMELY TENUOUS.

 B. BEGINNING AT Ø1Ø136Z, A TRACKING STATION AT VINM SON BEGAN TRACKING THE MADDOX. TRACKING WAS EXTREMELY HEAVY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. OTHER TRACKING STATIONS INVOLVED WERE VINH, HON NGW, HON ME, HON EN, AND THANH HOA. (LOCATIONS OF TRACKING STATIONS

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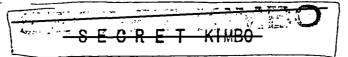
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ARE TENTATIVE AND BASED ON BACK PLOTTING OF USN-467N INTERCEPT OF THE DRY TRACKING NET. PRIOR TO THE PATROL VERY FEW OF THE OUTSTATIONS ON THE TRACKING NET HAD BEEN EQUATED TO KNOWN RADAR SITES.)

- C. AT 1626Z A PORTION OF A MSG WAS INTERCEPTED WHICH MEN MENTIONED THE QUOTE CHANGE OF THE ENEMY UNQUOTE.
- D. AT 1645Z A MSG FROM USN-27 WAS RECEIVED WHICH INCLUDED THE FULL TEXT OF THE MSG PREVIOUSLY INTERCEPTED. IT INCLUDED THE STATEMENT, "WE HAVE DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT."

 (TO! Ø11627Z)
- E. AT Ø1173ØZ A MSG WAS RECEIVED FROM USN-27 WHICH INDICATED THAT FISHING RESSELS WERE POSSIBILY BEING CLEARED FROM THE VICINITY OF HON ME. (TOI Ø11641Z.)
- THAT VESSEL T377 WAS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST THE DESOTO MISSION IN THE HON NGU AREA.
- G. AT 1910Z A MSG WAS RECEIVED FROM USN-27 (TOI 011652Z) WHICH REVEALED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE "ENEMY" VESSEL HAD BEEN PASSED TO T146. THE LOCATION GIVEN MATCHED THAT OF THE MADDOX AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING.
- H. A MSG RECEIVED FROM USN-27 AT 1925Z (TOI \$11755Z) STATED XX THAT THREE VESSELS FROM BATTALION 135 WERE BEING ORDERED FROM PORT WALLUT TO HON NE.
- I. ON 2 AUGUST INTERCEPT BY USN-467N AGAIN INDICATED HEAVY
 TRACKING OF THE MADDOX BY STATIONS LOCATED AT THANH HOA AND
 VINH SON.



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INDICATED THAT VES T377 WAS SHADOWING THE MADDOX. A MSG.
RECEIVED FROM USM-626J AT \$\phi43\phiz\$ Indicated Ves T142 and T146
WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN SHADOW ACTIVITY.

K: MSGS INTERCEPTED BY USM-467N AT \$\phi634z\$, \$\phi645z\$, and \$\phi658z\$
CONTAINED FURTHER INDICATIONS OF SHADOWING BY T142 and T146
AND ALSO REVEALED THAT 135 (PROBABLY MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT
FLOTILLA 135) WAS ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF THE DESOTO MISSION.
THEY ALSO REVEALED THAT THE QUOTE DIRECTORATE UNQUOTE WOULD

L. AT \$725Z A MSG RECEIVED FROM USN-414T (TOI \$2\$444Z) ALSO INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A TORPEDO ATTACK ON THE DESOTO

EXMINED COMMAND THE 135 AND CONTAINED INFO CONCERNING TACTICS

BEING EMPLOYED BY THE DRY VESSELS, INCLUDING THE MENTION OF

LAUNCHING TORPEDOES.

MISSION.

THE PATROL.

M. ON 3 AUG, USN-467N AGAIN INTERCEPTED HEAVY TRACKING OF
THE DESOTO PATROL (NOW CONSISTING OF MADDOX AND TURNER JOY)
FROM STATIONS AT HON NGU, VINM, AND THANH HOA. MSGS RECEIVED
FROM USN-27 ALSO INDICATED FURTHER SHADOWING BY T142, BUT
NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS WERE NOTED. TWO HOURS AND NINE MINUTES
OF POSS DRV NAVAL VOICE TRAFFIC INTERCEPTED ON 131. PE MCS
WHILE OPERATING APPROX 75 MILES FROM THE DRV COAST MAY ALSO
BE RELATED TO THE SHADOW ACTIVITY ON THAT DATE.
N. ON 4 AUGUST, MODERATELY HEAVY TRACKING OF MADDOX AND
TURNER JOY BY THANH HOA AND HON EN WAS INTERCEPTED BY USN-467N.
A MSG RECEIVED FROM USN-27 INDICATED VES T142 WAS AGAIN SHADOWING

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AT1212Z INDICATED A POSSIBLE ATTACK ON THE DESOTO MISSION THE NIGHT OF 4 AUG.

- P. A MSG RECEIVED FROM USM-62CJ AT \$5\$655Z INDICATED A
 POSSIBLE ATTACK BY MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS AGAIN ON THE NIGHT OF
 5 AUG; HOWEVER, AFTER THE ATTACK BY CARRIER-BASED PLANES ON
 DRV NAVAL INSTALLATIONS DURING THE AFTERNOON, NO FURTHER
 INDICATION OF HOSTILE ACTION WAS NOTED.
- 2. DURING BOTH ATTACKS, AN INTENSE EFFORT WAS MADE TO ISOLATE THE ATTACKING VESSELS IN VOICE COMMUNICATIONS. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON 125.0E AND 131.0E MCS AS POSSIBLE DRV NAVAL TRAFFIC HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERCEPTED ON THESE FREQS. HOWEVER, ON BOTH OCCASIONS ALL FREQS BETWEEN 100 AND 200 MCS WERE BLOCKED BY VOICE ACTIVITY FROM THE MADDOX AND SUPPORTING AIRCRAFT. NO SIGNIFICANT MANUAL MORSE TRAFFIC WAS INTERCEPTED DURING EITHER ATTACK.
- 3. IN PROVIDING TIMELY DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, TWO FACTORS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS. ONE WAS THE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT PROVIDED BY USN-27 AND USN-414T/ USM-626J THROUGHOUT THE PATROL AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE PERIOD 2 TO 4 AUG. THE SECOND WAS THE FACT THAT FOR PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME THE DESOTO TEAM INCLUDED ANALYSTS WITH THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF ANALYZING INTERCEPTED TRAFFIC. THIS PROVED TO BE ESPECIALLY VALUABLE, AND IN SEVERAL INSTANCES HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE WAS PASSED TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER MUCH EARLIER THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE ANALYSTS BEING ABOARD.



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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FUTURE DESOTO PATROL TEAMS INCLUDE TWO ANALYSTS WHO ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PRIMARY COMINT

TARGET OF THE PATROL.

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